



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Photographs of school events for personal use

Due to a number of parental requests to take photographs of their child(ren) in Christmas performances I have sought legal advice regarding the school position on parents taking photographs during school events.

As a result of these enquiries I have been advised that parents are not covered by the Data Protection Act 1998 if they are taking photographs or making a video recording for their own private use. The Act does not stop parents from taking photographs or making video recordings at school events, such as nativity plays. However, **parents are not permitted to take photographs or to make a video recording for anything other than their own personal use.** Recording and/or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of the other parents whose children may be captured on film; without this consent the Data Protection Act 1998 would be breached.

As a school it is our priority to ensure the children at St Chad's are kept as safe as possible. Whilst we are now in a position to allow parents to take photographs for their own personal use, we ask that you do not place any photographs of any school events onto any social media websites including Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. We appreciate your support with this matter.

If you have any questions, or comments, relating to the above matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Ashleigh Dunn

Head of School

